

# Event Provides Resources and Education on Pet Care

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The pet vaccine clinic held on July 14th was a huge success with 58 dogs, 17 cats and their owners in attendance. Each pet received an exam by a licensed veterinarian, vaccinations for rabies, distemper (DHPP) and leptospirosis, deworming treatment and flea medicine. All services combined would have cost at least \$95 per animal but instead owners received all services free of charge. This is thanks to support from Rez Animal Resources & Education which sponsored the event.

Pets began arriving at 3:30 to the parking lot at the Community Center. Veterinarians from Fords Prairie Animal Clinic gave each pet an exam and talked to pet owners about any health concerns. Vaccination shots were given to each animal which produced a few howls from dogs from the needle poke. Every dog and cat received

a topical flea medication and a dose of dewormer to kill internal parasites. Pet owners were given a care package of a 5 pound bag of pet food, a pet toothbrush and a Frisbee. Volunteers and veterinary staff kept very busy as the steady stream of dogs and cats arrived for services. At the end of the day everyone agreed the event was a resounding success. Many pets on the rez are now protected from deadly viruses such as parvo, distemper and rabies.

Remember, pets need to be vaccinated once a year and given monthly flea treatment especially in the summer. Special thanks to Rez Animal Resources & Education and Fords Prairies Animal Clinic for helping pets on the rez.

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